

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A gateway is provided which routes a packet sent from a user to a connected
5 network utilizing a per-user routing table. This is accomplished by extracting a source
address from the packet; finding a per-user routing table corresponding to said source
address, said per-user routing table containing entries corresponding to one or more
currently accessible networks for the user and the range of network addresses
corresponding to said currently accessible networks; extracting a destination address from
10 the packet; seeking an entry in said matching per-user routing table with a range of
network addresses containing said destination address; routing the packet to a matching
network if said destination address is contained within one of said ranges of network
addresses for said currently accessible networks; and routing the packet to a default
network if said destination address is not contained within one of said ranges of network
15 addresses for said currently accessible networks. This allows different users to have
access to a different set of networks and allows a user to select the network he wishes to
access. The gateway may also guarantee that packets are routed through a particular
destination ISP or network by looking up said destination ISP or network in a table, each
entry in said table having a router network address corresponding to each network
20 currently accessible; establishing a tunneling session to said matching router network
address; and forwarding the packet to said router network address through said tunneling
session.